

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending. By this Response, claims 1, 9 and 17 are amended. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the below comments.

Applicant appreciates the courtesies extended to applicant's representative during the interview conducted on March 23, 2004. During the interview, the Examiner agreed that further defining the route guiding means within the independent claims as extracting "each" intersection, the claims would overcome the applied references. Therefore, applicant has amended the independent claims to include the feature of "each intersection".

Thus, as agreed in the Interview, the rejections presented in the Office Action dated October 9, 2003 have been overcome by the above amendments. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request withdrawal of these rejections and allowance of the application.

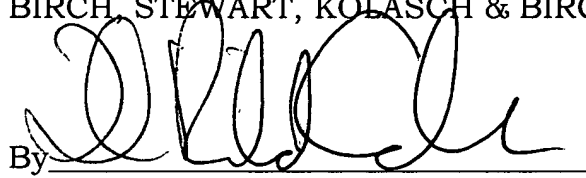
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Chad J. Billings (Reg. No. 48,917) at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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